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OTHER SPORTING GOSSIP

Regulars Also Will Be Back in the Line-up—Boy Scouts Enjoy Game.

Walter Johnson, after a good long rest, will get back into the game today, pitching for the Griffins against the St. Louis Browns. Walter will be opposed by one of Branch Rickey's left-handers.

It is also probable that Shanks will adorn third base, Acosta play right, and Danny Moeller left field for Griff today to swing his regulars into line and prime them for the Chicago White Sox, the club which follows the Browns here.

Yesterday's trouncing of the Indians snapped Washington's winning streak of seven games in a row.

Four games separated the White Sox, in third position, and the Nationals this morning. Griffith is surely putting up a sterling fight to finish in front of Conkley's stars, who have taken a big tumble in the percentage column ever since Joe Jackson was purchased from the Cleveland. It is hard to understand the slump of the White Sox, by the way. Manager Rowland has been making frequent changes in the lineup all season. He has experimented with a number of men—Brief, Fournier, Daly and John Collins. At third base he has tried Brown, Blackburn, Roth and Johns. At the beginning of the season the regular outfielders were John Collins, Felch and Quinlan, while today these positions are filled by Liebold, Jackson and Murphy. It is charged that Rowland has killed his pitching staff by keeping one of his regulars "warmed up" during each entire game. The team as a whole has not played up-to-date baseball, but whether Rowland is to blame is a question that cannot be answered here.

Manager Rickey, of the Browns, whose team begins a series with the Nationals today, intends to sacrifice a position or two in the 1915 American League race to try out a squad of young players who are here with the club.

"By putting my best team in the line from now until the season ends I feel that the Browns will be in a position to win the pennant," said Rickey.

"The Browns have been playing better in the last three weeks than at any time this season. The club now has two 300 hitters in George Sisler and Ivan Howard, giving us a punch that was lacking for a greater part of the year."

"Earl Hamilton's return to form has also greatly bolstered my pitching staff. With Hamilton, Weiland, Ernie Kook and several other pitchers, I think we have five excellent southpaw pitchers."

"My task now is to develop a couple of right-handers, as my club is without a right-hander in the lineup."

"I have new pitchers have shown in the last couple of weeks. I think I will have a good staff next year. If the coaches think the new pitchers will be left-handers, I will not mind."

"Weiland is undoubtedly one of the greatest left-handers in the business, when he is right, there are no better southpaws than Hamilton."

"Sisler has made a world of difference in my ball club. Although playing his first season here, he has been a credit to the team. He is hitting wonderfully and hitting above .300, the goal of all ball players."

"Unless some other player comes along and performs at Sisler in a creditable way, Sisler will be my first baseman next year. If I get a first baseman Sisler will go to the outfield. He would be a valuable player in the American League, but I don't want to pitch him unless it is necessary, because his hitting is needed in the line-up every day."

Rickey brought a half-dozen young pitchers to Washington. He says he will probably start a recruit in each of the four games here. He hopes to win when he will not be disappointed if he is able to get a line on the ability of the young fellows. He is starting his training camp instead of waiting until next spring.

About 500 Boy Scouts, the guests of Clark Griffith, were the guests of the club yesterday. They were entertained by a band composed of youthful musicians, the rattle of the drum and the blare of the cornet.

At the park the drab clad juveniles proved noisy rooters, yelling incessantly for the Griffins to win a boy, excepting those whooping of the Griffins, who were imbedded with the peanuts provided by Clark Griffith.

Chief Scout James E. West looked after the interest of the boys, and a red flag was hoisted in the air when the boys were to be taken to the grandstand to enjoy the game, and with a cheer for Clark Griffith and a blessing on the club, the boys were marched away from the field disappointed, but quite satisfied.

NOTES OF THE GAME.

Well, what could you expect? Want us to win 'em all?

Some of the Browns, who will be with us now, saw the Indians take our scalp. Yesterday, however, a few more of them were present in the grandstand.

When Williams pegged Roth out at second base in the opening frame the Clevelanders felt insulted at the way Tom Sawyer handled him, and wanted to mix matters. They were partly by accident.

Harper struck out the side in the third inning, but the Browns in three innings for the Hawksback boy.

Brenton got himself out of a nice hole in the third inning. After waiting the first two men, the Griffins could do nothing but the youngster's offerings, and so was the result.

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\$200,000 FOR MCGRAW BY FEDERAL LEAGUE?

The latest from the camp of the Federal League intimates that John J. McGraw will be offered the leadership of the Fed club in New York, and that Jaws can't refuse, because he is to be guaranteed \$200,000 for five years. Some publicity stunt, this. It is only hoped that McGraw will not pass up this king's ransom.

Please pass the matches.

By WILLIAM PEST

Because the Griffins could assemble but four safe wallops in nine times at bat, Lee Fohl's Cleveland Indians won the final game of the series here yesterday afternoon, 5 to 0, beating Harper and Bert Gallia.

Brenton, a young right-hander, was the big winning black and white series here yesterday afternoon, 5 to 0, beating Harper and Bert Gallia.

Harper did not allow a hit and only one man reached first base until the fifth inning, when along came a couple of safes and the Texas pitcher's basing sin, also three hits, productive of as many runs, and away went the old ball game.

It was generally supposed that Harper had left his wilderness in Minneapolis, but the report must be taken with a grain of salt. The Hackensack terror is still in our midst.

Old Fench Lacks

When it comes right down to cases there is no need to blame Harper or his successor, Bert Gallia, for yesterday's defeat. The Griffins acted like a lot of old women at the bat—the punch never was in evidence.

Washington had three chances to push over runs. Sawyer and McBride both walked in the third inning, and were advanced by Harper's hunt.

Barber and Foster might have bunted the complexion of the game with safe slams, but the first named was tagged out by Wamby, and Sawyer was singled at the plate, while Foster was easy picking, Wamby to Kirke.

With one down in the Nationals' half of the sixth, Foster hit a single to right, and Gandil was called out on strikes and Shanks popped to Kirke, another chance tossed into the discard.

In the ninth, with two hands down, Williams was passed and Sawyer singled to center, but Evans made a fine catch of McBride's line smash and the contest was over.

Indians Win the Game.

The Indians put the game on ice in the fifth. Smith fanned, but Kirke scratched a single to center and Evans walked. The Indians went all the way to right, and this wallop counted Evans and Wamby.

When the Clevelanders came to bat in the sixth, the Indians were on the slab, and the Texas blanked the enemy until Rip Williams dropped Evans' easy foul fly in the seventh.

Barber, who had a single to third, when McBride threw out Wamby, and scored on Evans' safe smash to right field.

In Cleveland's eighth a fancy bit of base running by Bobby Roth yielded a run. Roth led off with a double, and when Grandy laid a bunt, Roth scrambled all the way home from second, as Gandil's peg to Williams was a bit late and also a trifle high.

Score: Indians 5, Browns 0.

Washington, Sept. 15.—Although the Bucknell candidates were unable to use the athletic field, Coach Johnson gave them three lessons, morning, noon and evening. The morning was close to the hundred mark, but that did not keep the teams from going through long signal drills and running drills in the afternoon.

No tackling was done. The day's work wound up with a chalk talk. The number of candidates for the preliminary football game was 100.

Heat Curtains W. and J. Drill.

Washington, Pa. Sept. 15.—Coach Folwell eliminated the morning practice for the Washington and Jefferson squad to an hour, in which scrimmage was staged. The variety scored two touchdowns, one on straight football and the other on a long forward pass from Quarter Back Stobbs to Right End Heyman.

Indians Have Stiff Practice.

Carlisle, Pa. Sept. 15.—Record-breaking hot weather added to the grueling of the Carlisle Indian football players in their day's work. Only fifteen minutes were given to scrimmage, and the afternoon practice consisted of a basketball game, in which passing featured. Coach Kelley took fifteen of the veterans in hand, while Welch McGillis put the remaining forty-five candidates to charging exercises, dummy tackling, falling on the ball and other fundamentals.

Four Elephants at Navy.

Annapolis, Md. Sept. 15.—With four elephants running full tilt, the large squad of middies is rapidly being reduced to weight 120 pounds and the game will be played September 20.

Start Work at Cornell.

Ithaca, N. Y. Sept. 15.—There were forty-four football candidates training yesterday despite the heat. There was drill morning and afternoon.

Capt. Charles Barrett, whose probation has been removed by the Cornell faculty, was in uniform and engaged some dozen other veterans of the last season, including Shelton, Coll, Anderson, Tilley, Bailey, Eckley, Collins, Jewett, and Jamison.

Columbia Eleven to Start.

New York, Sept. 15.—The Columbia football squad will start practice September 20. Metcalf is badly engaged rounding up all the huskies and he expects to have a regiment of candidates for the first gridiron practice Columbia has in ten years.

The late start has been due to the fact that the men have to be sorted out and their measures taken for uniform fitting. The other colleges, the Blue and White had to order everything new to begin the season with, and this prevented the squad from getting out earlier than the 20.

Dana to Assist Naughton.

Cambridge, Mass. Sept. 15.—The Crimson gridiron candidates appeared in navy blue shirts for football practice yesterday, but because of the heat the men practiced falling on the ball. Dennis Dana, a former Harvard end, will remain for the season.

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